

NEWS RELEASE

The Aurora Cooperative Position Regarding MF Global

AURORA, NE (December 8, 2011) – The Aurora Cooperative, a leading grain marketer and agricultural supplier in Nebraska and surrounding states, today communicated its current position regarding the MF Global bankruptcy proceedings with the company's Farmer-Owners.

Though the Aurora Cooperative had used MF Global as one of its Futures Clearing Merchants (FCM) through the first half of 2011, today the Aurora Cooperative reported it has virtually no financial exposure left in the wake of MF Global's bankruptcy.

“With the continued reporting of MF Global's problems and the negative impact surfacing in agri-businesses and farmers across the U.S., we want our Farmer-Owners to know their company is not involved in the current and future fallout of the MF Global collapse,” said George Hohwieler, President and CEO of the Aurora Cooperative.

“This summer, our company made a strategic decision to exit its legacy credit model and move to a 14-bank, commercial lending syndication. In addition to the class-leading banking services provided, the new banking group offered the Aurora Cooperative contemporary solutions to grain hedging and risk-mitigation not previously provided by the legacy model. With this move, we combined the expertise of the Aurora Cooperative's management team and brokerage agents, quickly installing these risk management tools. The results are very positive. It appears the banking decision has had an immediate impact, as the Aurora Cooperative is now positioned away from the MF Global debacle,” Hohwieler said.

The Aurora Cooperative will continue to update its Farmer-Owners on MF Global matters as the need arises.

Based in Aurora, NE since 1908, the Aurora Cooperative is a premiere, multi-purpose agri-business providing service and expertise in grain, agronomy, feed and energy. For more information, visit www.auroracoop.com.

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